

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN HELD IN THE TOWN
HALL ON DECEMBER 3, 1942

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The Board of Aldermen held a special meeting in the Town Hall on December 3, 1942, with Mayor Madry presiding and the following Aldermen present: Messrs. R. B. Fitch, R. H. Wettach, P. L. Burch, R. J. M. Hobbs, Bruce Strowd and F. O. Bowman. Also present were J. L. Caldwell and C. P. Hinshaw.

Subject: Police Department.

The Clerk read a resolution from a citizens group in Chapel Hill requesting that the original Investigating Committee of alleged mistreatment of prisoners by the police be enlarged and that it be composed of half white and half colored citizens. Rev. C. M. Jones, appearing in behalf of the citizens group, stated that there was resentment among the negroes, and they were afraid the investigation might be partial. He stated that an impartial investigation was desired but not an open hearing. Mr. H. A. Whitfield of the Chapel Hill Recorders Court read the affidavits attached hereto of the officers involved in the mistreatment charges and also read the police record of Jesse Strowd. Alderman Wettach read a report of certain interviews he and Alderman Burch had held with interested parties. After considerable discussion Mayor Madry appointed the following committee of white and colored citizens to meet with the Board on December 7 and participate in the investigation:

Rev. C. M. Jones, Dr. James Bullitt, Messrs. George Lawrence, W. B. Saunders and Louis Graves, Rev. C. T. Boyd, Rev. G. W. Troublefield, Rev. J. H. Jones, Kenneth Jones, Charlie Maddox and Hubert Robinson.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.


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